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DIARY NOTES

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21 April 1960

25X1A6a 1. I spent the morning participating in a briefing for Bob Macy, Frank Ecker and Ben Ellington, Bureau of the Budget, on the "Base Development Plan [REDACTED]" (On 22 April Bob telephoned to say that they had reached a position on our proposal to convert the structures [REDACTED] to permanent construction. This position can be summarized as follows: (a) If we have decided that we do need a permanent base of this kind they agree that [REDACTED] is a good place and that the time has come to convert it to permanent construction; (b) while they would have no objection to spending a little bit of money for some planning, they feel that we should "touch base" with the appropriate committees of the Congress prior to letting any actual contracts; (c) they believe that the decision to convert [REDACTED] should be considered jointly with the question of whether we should deactivate [REDACTED]. I explained to him that as of 22 April the Director had decided not to give up [REDACTED] whereupon he commented that he would not insist that this be a part of our consideration. In this connection, however, he said that the Bureau would continue to be interested [REDACTED] and suggested that we look over the [REDACTED] area carefully to see if there were another place which could be provided

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